

SENATE RESOLUTION

8665

By Senators McAuliffe, Hasegawa, Dammeier, Ericksen, Hill, Litzow, Rolfes, Jayapal, Kohl-Welles, Mullet, Chase, Fain, Billig, Conway, Fraser, Parlette, and McCoy

1 WHEREAS, Washington's Teacher of the Year program provides  
2 recognition for outstanding teachers and informs the public of the  
3 dedication and commitment that Washington teachers contribute to the  
4 education of their students; and

5 WHEREAS, Washington's Teacher of the Year program honors those  
6 teachers who represent the best teachers in Washington; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Lyon Terry, a multiage classroom teacher at Lawton  
8 Elementary School in the City of Seattle, Washington, and an educator  
9 at Lawton for 10 years, is the 2015 Washington Teacher of the Year;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry is recognized as a National Board certified  
12 teacher; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry recognizes the benefit of physical activity  
14 for his students, and after noticing how many students were being  
15 driven to school, recruited older students to act as crossing guards  
16 and bus greeters, and successfully organized Seattle's first walking  
17 school bus program; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry embraces teachers as agents of social change  
19 and looks to shape young learners into confident, hard-working,  
20 thoughtful citizens who treat others with kindness; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry is a compassionate educator who is concerned  
22 about the whole student, and seeks to strengthen the relationship

1 between school and community so that educators can teach  
2 students creatively to help them grow into smart, caring adults;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry understands that student engagement is  
5 created through relationships, high expectations, and relevance  
6 in the content students are learning, and is dedicated to  
7 creating the relationships that drive his students to learn; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry enriches his classroom through his  
9 community connections in scouting, sport programs, and various  
10 nonprofit organizations, and consciously seeks to build  
11 community by encouraging engagement between community members  
12 and his students in the classroom; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry advocates for reading and writing  
14 proficiency through his numerous leadership roles in his school  
15 and district, and by working to integrate elements of Writer's  
16 Workshop into Lawton Elementary's curriculum; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry serves on a district committee focused on  
18 aligning reading and writing standards with the Common Core; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry's time at Lawton Elementary has seen 4th  
20 grade writing proficiency rates on the Measurements of Student  
21 Progress rise over 10 percentage points;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
23 Senate encourage all teachers to aspire to excellence in their  
24 profession and that the Senate pay a special tribute to Mr. Lyon  
25 Terry as the 2015 Washington Teacher of the Year.

26 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
27 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
28 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8665,  
29 adopted by the Senate  
30 April 16, 2015

31 HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
32 Secretary of the Senate